

Rotary International
District 5340
Legislative Session: May 16, 2009

Minutes

Attendance: Officiating: Pam Russell, DG and Mike Stelman, PDG
Voting Delegates: Blythe – Wayne Cusick, Lee Ann Cusick; Bonsall – Bob Spanbauer; Brawley – Shavaun O'Malley; Carlsbad – Joe Bear, Pat Mintz; Chula Vista – Duane Buckingham; Chula Vista Sunrise – Marta Knight; Del Mar – Rob Mullally, Marty Peters; Del Mar-Solana Beach – Lloyd Flanders; Encinitas – Kristin Gaspar; Encinitas Coastal – Kate DuVivier; Escondido – Mary Geerdes; La Jolla Golden Triangle – Dale Barnes, Sandra Rimer, Linda Stouffer; La Mesa – Keith Dindinger, Dale Bailey; Lemon Grove – Russ Boehmke; Oceanside – Renee Richardson, Terri Hall; Old Mission – Eric Benink; Point Loma – Pauline Getz; Ramona – Sharon Greene; Rancho Bernardo – Barbara Baldwin, Dan Malloy; Rancho Bernardo Sunrise – Kendra Jeffcoat, Carl Kruse; Rancho San Diego/Spring Valley – Alek Mikolajczak; San Diego (33) – Stan Hartman, Jim Hughes, Bruce Hunt, Bill McDade, Bonnie Schwartz, Dick Tronccone; Southeast San Diego – Faith Whitehurst-Miller; Torrey Pines – Gordon Shurtleff; Vista – Larry Sundram

Welcome and Verification: DG Pam Russell read the official greeting and certified that the notice for submission of names had been sent April 3. Dale Bailey certified the electors and asked persons not on the list to move out of the area for electors.

Call to Order: The meeting was officially called to order at 1:39 PM, May 16, 2009 by DG Pam Russell. She then turned the meeting over to the chair, PDG Mike Stelman.

Comments: PDG Mike Stelman stated he will be proud to represent District 5340 at the RI Council on Legislation to be held April 25-30, 2010 in Evanston. The District 5340 Legislative Committee met in September 2008. In addition to Mike, it is composed of PDG Marty Peters, PDG Wayne Cusick, DG Pam Russell, DGE Marge Cole, and DGN Dave Breeding. One proposal from District 5340 has been accepted for consideration. PDG Mike also commented on significant Rotary International practices that have come from District 5340.

Procedural Matters: PDG Mike cited the Manual of Procedure 15.050. He explained the 5 minute limit for presentations and the voting procedure. The official ballot counters were introduced as Mike Bardin, Kendra Jeffcoat, Karen Stelman, and Linda Sundram.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Legislative Session held April 19, 2008 were approved unanimously.

Acceptance of 2007-2008 Finance Report: The Finance Report, having been reviewed by the District 5340 Finance Committee, was approved unanimously following a motion and a second for acceptance. A copy of the report is on file with these minutes.

Nominating Committee: Acceptance of the Nominating Committee for 2012-2013, as given on the agenda, was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously. They are Pam Russell, Immediate PDG, chair; Marge Cole, DG; Jim O'Meara, PDG; Philippe Lamoise, PDG; Dave Breeding, DGE; Larry Sundram, DGN; Steve Brown, PDG; Bill McDade, PDG.

Representative to RI Director Nominating Committee 2010: Written ballots with the names of Pam Russell, DG, and Philippe Lamoise, PDG, were distributed for this position. Following tally by the official counters, it was determined that Pam Russell will serve in this capacity.

District Bylaws Amendments: Two amendments had been properly submitted and distributed.

Amendment Submitted by La Jolla Golden Triangle: Pam Russell, DG, spoke on behalf of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. Both a summary of the proposed changes and the effect of these on the Bylaws had been distributed. The proposed Bylaws changes would bring them into harmony with both the District Leadership Plan and the 2007 Rotary International Manual of Procedure.

No one spoke against the amendment. After acceptance was moved and seconded, the vote to approve was unanimous.

Amendment Submitted by Escondido: Mary Geerdes, president of Escondido Rotary Club, spoke in favor of the proposal. The full proposal is on file with these minutes. Primarily the changes requested a much earlier notification of dues and set out how this would occur.

Jim Hughes, member San Diego Rotary Club, spoke against the proposal. He stated that the new District Leadership Plan has operational guidelines for setting and implementing dues. Given the available administrative staff time, he felt that the proposal was not feasible.

Dave Breeding, DGN, spoke against the proposal. He stated that the Escondido proposal would require setting dues a year in advance of what is called for in the Manual of Procedure. The team to do this is not in place at that time.

Wayne Cusick, PDG, expressed the concern that most of the Clubs had not read the Escondido proposal and their boards had not sufficiently discussed and understood the issues. He asked for a show of hands of electors who had been given direction by their boards and only seven raised their hands. Mike stated that the proposals were sent out April 3, which met the time frame required by the Bylaws. Therefore the vote would take place.

Mary Geerdes moved for approval. The motion was seconded and a written ballot was requested. PDG Mike requested that "yes" or "no" be put on one side of the ballot and the name of the club being represented on the other. A tally showed the motion was defeated.

District Leadership Plan: Dale Bailey explained that the Manual of Procedure requires a District Leadership Plan. It is designed to be dynamic. Questions and suggestions should be addressed to the District Governor. The District Leadership Plan should be used as a guideline to developing such at the club level. The District Leadership Plan is available on line at the District web site.

Adjournment: Following the report of votes on the Escondido proposal, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Luene Corwin, 08-09 Rotary District 5340 Secretary

